

Frequently Asked Questions

2017 Summer Seminars | Hildebrand Project

Applications

1. Which seminar should I apply for?

The annual Summer Seminar is an intensive immersion program in the thought of Dietrich von Hildebrand and the broader current he represents — always in connection to an annual theme. With a combination of plenary and break-out session on a variety of topics, it is appropriate for attendees of all levels.

The Hildebrand Schülerkreis provides a high-level forum for discussion of Dietrich von Hildebrand's thought. It is most appropriate for scholars, clergy, and professionals who bring to the Schülerkreis a substantial familiarity with Dietrich von Hildebrand.

2. Do you have to present a paper at the Hildebrand Schülerkreis?

While applicants are strongly encouraged to present a paper, it is not a requirement. With or without a paper, however, attendees are expected to be capable of actively participating, including serving as a panelist or moderating a discussion.

3. Are scholarships available?

Yes. A limited number of scholarships as well as travel stipends are available and will be awarded on a case-by-case basis. Please indicate on the application if you would like to be considered.

Seminars

4. What sort of format does each seminar follow?

The annual seminar offers both introductory and advanced sessions. A schedule of plenary and break-out sessions allows participants to concentrate on areas most relevant to their own interest, studies, and practice.

The Schülerkreis is a mix of academic conference and classical symposium. Each participant will give a presentation, followed by a response and discussion. Depending on the interests and expertise of the group, there may also be panels on particular topics. Ample time will be afforded to investigate new questions as they arise.

5. How many people will be at the seminar?

The Summer Seminar will host up to 70 participants.

The Hildebrand Schülerkreis will be a smaller seminar, with around 20-25 participants.

6. What is the dress attire?

The attire for all seminar sessions is business casual. However, for the opening and closing events, the attire is business: gentlemen: jacket and tie, suit optional; ladies: business dress, skirt ensemble, or dress pants.

Participants will have access to the Finnegan Fieldhouse gym, so you may want to bring sportswear if you would like to use those facilities.

7. Can I arrive early and/or leave early?

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide housing for those arriving early or leaving after check-out. However, we are able to make a reservation in your name at the Inn at Franciscan Square for a discounted rate. Please contact the Seminar Coordinator at <events@hildebrandproject.org> if you will need to make these arrangements.

While we understand that participants may have compelling reasons to leave early, we highly encourage you to attend the full seminar. The closing banquet brings participants together for one final (and memorable) evening of testimonials from fellow participants and the chance to enjoy good food and conversation with friends made over the course of the week.

8. Is there transportation from the Pittsburgh airport to Franciscan campus?

We will have a shuttle service running between the airport and campus for seminar participants. Please note that the shuttle service cannot make pickups for flights scheduled to arrive after 11:00pm or dropoffs for flights departing before 7:30am.

Accommodations

9. What kind of accommodations are available?

Each participant is given a private room in university housing for the duration of the seminar. Men and women are housed in separate hallways with separate bathrooms (though please note that bathrooms in the dormitories are communal and it will be necessary to walk down the hallway to use the facilities). The dormitories do have air conditioning and free wifi access.

10. What is Franciscan University of Steubenville (FUS) and where is it?

FUS is a Catholic university that was founded in the small town of Steubenville, Ohio by TOR Franciscan Friars in 1946. Franciscan University remains one of the most respected Catholic universities in the United States. Since 2001, U.S. News & World Report's guidebook on "America's Best Colleges" has ranked Franciscan University in the elite "top tier" of Midwestern universities.

Steubenville is located near the the eastern border of Ohio, a short distance from the city of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. For more information on FUS, visit their [website](#).

11. What is there to do during free time?

Participants are invited to visit the bookstore, borrow books from the John Paul II Library, grab a coffee or snack in the JC Williams Center or Sandella's Flatbread Cafe, workout in the Finnegan Fieldhouse gym, relax in the dormitory, and/or visit any of the following sacred sites: The Portiuncula, Tomb of the Unborn Child, Marian Grotto, Stations of the Cross, Christ the King Chapel. You will be provided with a map of the campus and hours of operation for all of the above at check-in.

12. Is mass available?

There is daily mass available on campus at Christ the King Chapel at 12:05pm.

13. Can the seminar accommodate allergies and/or special dietary requirements?

Yes, we would be happy to take care of your dietary needs. We simply ask for notification when applicants confirm their acceptance to the seminar.

14. Is there internet access?

Free WiFi is widely available on campus, including the dormitories, John Paul II Library, and the JC Williams Center.

15. Do dormitories have air conditioning?

Yes, each room has a heating and cooling unit located near the door from which the temperature may be adjusted.

16. Can I bring my spouse?

Due to the nature of our housing, we are unable to accommodate couples.

If extenuating circumstances apply, please contact the Seminar Coordinator at <events@hildebrandproject.org>.